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There's Power . . .

A new generation of student leaders has been born!

During the past week, the slate of student government has been wiped clean for the handwritings of a new student group. All-College elections, tapping of new men by Parmi Nous and Skull and Bones, School Council and Daily Collegian elections have ushered in the nucleus of next year's leaders.

May we utter a word of warning? Power of office, power of campus leadership, and power of campus influence does not lie in the officeholder. It lies in the student body. The misuse or abuse of these powers, as has been shown so tragically in the past, results in the downfall of student leaders.

May we add another word? Campus BMOC's may want to cling to their titles by words rather than by action. They seem to forget that in another year, they will be forgotten but the position will remain. It will always be the position that made the man, not the man who made the position.

Fame doesn't come to those who get an office, it reaches them only after they have completed their work. And, many campus leaders received no commendation but the satisfaction that their jobs were well done.

And what will the handwriting on this year's slate be? Will the hat societies rise above their lethargies and admit that they must be more than swivel-chair BMOC's who rest upon their fat laurels? Will the new All-College Cabinet members, who take over in about two weeks, bring the voice of the student to Cabinet?

Will the new Daily Collegian editor, who officially takes office next week, listen to the many factions of student opinion, unhesitatingly weigh the facts, and attack the issue squarely? Will the School Councils forget about their doldrums and difficult tasks, throw away their excuses, and buckle down to improve student-faculty relations and student problems?

Will politicians forget their politics and lose their clique "stick-in-the-mud" attitudes when they take their seats on Cabinet? Will student leaders do less self-praising and more intelligent work? Will there be less false promises and more open-field tactics in student government and its elections?

Will student leaders put their "cards on the table," quit their perpetual hedging and "blind man's bluff" games? Will campus "hot shots" throw personal gains to the winds and work for what The Daily Collegian has catalogued, "A Better Penn State?"

This is a new year, a new era for Penn State student government. This government will be faced with many more problems, many more intricate side streets which will sidetrack it. But the answer must be given and the decision made. These decisions can and must only be made by student leaders who sincerely and earnestly think first of their Penn State, and secondly, of themselves.

Much is to be done. Mistakes will be made. Leaders will be criticized. But to paraphrase a former Collegian editor, "the students may be wrong, the leaders may be wrong, the faculty may be wrong, the townspeople may be wrong, and the Collegian may be wrong. But, the students must be forthright. They must be frank. But, above all, they must be tolerant. For in tolerance, there is vision and there is might."

We salute the new student government leaders. We question them, but add our voice of confidence also. We throw a challenge, a challenge of endeavor and self-denial.

Can they meet the challenge? We'll see!

The Campuseer



Four long years ago. When the world was still sane and colleges were running on two semesters and not engaged in speeding up production of educated cannon fodder, the grads of the hi school class of '38 came to Penn State. Half of them thought Hitler was a cracked paperhanger, had never heard of Hirohito, and anyone who took advanced rotisse was just another dope. Everybody was humming Music Maestro Please for it hadn't yet occurred to anyone to take a slap at a Jap, and "Wrong Way" Corrigan was still flying the right course.

"Boystown" was showing at the Nittany and "You Can't Take It With You" was pullin' 'em in at the Cathaum. Douglas MacArthur was just another goldbraid behind a desk at the Capitol and Sergeant Lockard had no ideas he would ever make the acquaintance of an airplane locator. Pearl Harbor was a pretty sounding name of some far off port, and "On The Road To Mandalay" was still a beautiful song.

Four long years ago. Joe Peel was King of the Campus, and Jo Condrin was Queen of the Gals. 44961 was still the girls' dorm, and Rachel Taylor was a comely little girl from New Jersey who quietly went about her own business.

Liberal Artists could still schedule classes on Tuesday and Thursday without jeopardizing Saturday morning, even though we were still trudging up to classes in what is now just a landmark, the Water Tower. Bill Jeffrey's booters were starting their sixth undefeated season, and one John Petrella was slated to start for the freshmen gridders against Syracuse.

Billy Smith was starting to burn up the course in cross-country, and Nick Vukmanic reigned as javelin king of the East, while a dusky freshman lad named Norwood Ewell was just beginning to show his heels to the field. In 1938 the draft was just something to move out of.

Dean Phillips was our honorable class president—until strenuous academic circumstances forced him to drop out of school. Doc Davis said in 1938, "the freshman class has an exceedingly insufficient sex education." (How're we doin' now, gang?) And Bill Finn was just the brother of Tom Finn, LaVie editor. Ross Lehman was just another obnoxious Collegian peddler. Tom Henson was defeated by Jack Crawford for the '42 campus clique chairmanship, while Gerry Doherty was juggling dishes at Mac Hall.

Four long years ago. We were just freshmen and didn't have a friend or an enemy at Penn State (B.C.—Before Campuseer). Anyway, we weren't mad at nobody then, and we still AIN'T MAD AT NOBODY! —BILL MCKNIGHT

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Fund Aids War Victims

"Flying Squadrons," groups of students sent out by the World Student Service Fund committee of the PSCA have contacted fraternity houses, sorority houses and dorms in an attempt to help bring relief through contributions to 60 per cent of the students in China who are on relief and to the thousands of students who are either fighting in Europe or are in concentration camps.

Plans for a WSSF were made three months ago at a national meeting of student government presidents.

The Tau Kappa Epsilon house has agreed to ration a meal, giving the profit as their donation. The Alpha Kappa Pi's agreed to each member giving the price of at least one movie so that they might give a donation to the World Student Service Fund.

The reports of the three-man "squadrons," while not yet complete also list contributions from Alpha Tau Omega, Lambda Chi Alpha, Sigma Phi Sigma, Sigma Phi Epsilon, Chi Phi, Sigma Chi.

Additional donors are Alpha Epsilon Phi, Alpha Omega Pi, Phi Mu, Grange, MacAllister, Women's Building, Sigma Phi Alpha, Alpha Chi Rho, Theta Xi Delta Sigma Phi, and The Pines and Frazier Street Dorm.

Senior Award Committee Named

Jerome H. Blakeslee, junior class president and All-College president-elect, last night named a committee of ten juniors to select the 20 members of the senior class who have done the most for Penn State.

Each of the seniors selected will be presented a shingle for their meritorious service. The award is an annual tribute of the junior class to those graduating.

Committee members named are Jess V. Fardella, David J. McAleer, Gordon L. Coy, William C. Mazzocco, Margaret K. Sherman, Marjorie E. McFarland, John C. York, Harold L. Zimmerman, Richard S. Kurtz, and Blakeslee.

Student, Alumnus Compete For \$1000

Selected as final competitors for the cash prize in architecture of \$1,000 offered by the American Academy in Rome are Charles S. Bicksler '41, now an instructor in engineering drawing, and Charles Goldberg '42. In the nation-wide contest, ten finalists were chosen out of 100 considered.

Instead of the former Rome Prize in architecture which gave the winner two years of study and travel in Europe, the American Academy is offering the cash prize for the duration.

CAMPUS CALENDAR

TODAY

Alpha Phi Omega, national Boy Scout service fraternity, 309 Old Main, 7-8 p. m. Captain Dennis, speaker.

Nutrition exhibit will feature Vitamin C in 209 Home Economics building from 8 a. m. to noon.

Portfolio meets, Portfolio office, 8 p. m.

Meeting of the Faculty Current Events committee in 13 Sparks at 4 p. m. Dr. Philip S. Klein will lead the discussion of "Our War Aims."

Panhellenic Council meets, Theta Phi Alpha, 6:45 p. m.

Pi Lambda Theta meeting for election of pledges, third floor west lounge, Atherton Hall, at 4 p. m.

All-College Cabinet, 104 Old Main, 9 p. m.

School of Engineering Faculty meet in 107 Main Engineering, 5:10 p. m.

Sophomore and Frosh cheerleaders meet at 7 p. m. in front of Old Main.

Junior-Senior Reception committee heads will meet in 2nd floor lounge, Old Main, 5 p. m. Very important.

LA Council will meet to elect officers in 305 Old Main at 5 p. m.

Leibig Chemistry Society will hold social meeting at Sandwich Shop at 8 p. m.

Camera Club Portraiture in 405 Old Main at 7:30 o'clock. Bring your girl and camera.

PSCA Morning Watch Lenten services, Hugh Beaver Room, 7 a. m.

THURSDAY

Annual All-College Extemporaneous Speaking Contest. Preliminary meeting at 121 Sparks at 7:30 p. m.

Debaters Appear In Phillipsburg

Part of the men's varsity debate team will travel to Phillipsburg tonight to put on a debate for the Rotary Club at 8:15 o'clock. The topic for debate is "Youth and the War."

The four members who will make the trip are John B. McCue, Milton Calig, Samuel G. Fredman, and Frank E. Zabkar.



CUSTOM-TAILORED SUITS

You may have cuffs on pants that are made to measure until May 30.

Jack Harper

TAILOR

We wish to express our appreciation to those who supported us in the recent campaign.

Harold Zimmerman

George McWilliams

Elaine Cox

Thomas Wilcox

IMPORTANT ANNOUNCEMENT

On April 2nd, 3rd and 4th, Pennsylvania Greyhound Lines will have in effect, a reservation system for all regular schedule departures from State College.

Under this system it will be necessary for all persons, who intend leaving State College on the above dates, to make their reservation with purchase of ticket at least five hours in advance of intended departure time.

There will be no charge for seat reservations. All buses to leave from the Greyhound Post House.

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